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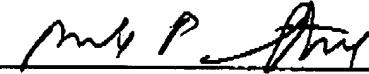
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Applicants submit this Second Preliminary Amendment to more particularly point out the subject matter which they regard as their Invention.

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APPLICATION HISTORY

The Applicants filed the Present Application, which included Original Claims 1-102, on 15 December 2003. On 4 January 2006, the Patent Office issued a Requirement for Restriction. No other Office Action that contains a substantive rejection of any Pending Claims has been received by the Applicants as of 21 June 2006.

The Applicants submitted an Election of Claims and a First Preliminary Amendment on 17 March 2006.

The Patent Office then issued a Non-Compliant Letter on 31 May 2006. This Office Action provided a one month period for response, which will expire on 30 June 2006.

The Applicants now submit a Second Preliminary Amendment in response to the Non-Compliant Letter mailed on 31 May 2006.

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